What is claimed is:

1   1.   An apparatus comprising:

2   a switch-box, wherein the switch-box comprises a memory buffer to which

3   information is copied from a computing system selected via the switch-box from two or

4   more computing systems coupled with the switch-box as a result of a first substantially

5   predetermined event.

1   2.   The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the information copied from a computing

2   system selected via the switch-box is copied to another selected computing system of

3   the two or more computing systems as a result of a second substantially predetermined

4   event.

1   3.   The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the first and second substantially

2   predetermined events are substantially predetermined respective first and second

3   keystroke sequences.

1   4.   The apparatus of claim 3 further comprising a timer employed, at least in part, to

2   recognize the first and second keystroke sequences.

1   5.   The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the switch-box is adapted to allow the memory

2   buffer and a single set of interface devices to be selectively coupled at substantially

3   individual times with a one of the two or more computing systems based, at least in part,

4   on a user selection.

1   6.   The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the single set of interface devices comprises

2   at least one of: a keyboard, a display monitor and a pointing device.

1   7.   The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the two or more computing systems are

2   coupled with the switch-box via a data transfer coupling and a set of interface device

3   couplings.

1 8. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the data transfer coupling comprises a parallel
2 interface.

1 9. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the data transfer coupling comprises a serial
2 interface.

1 10. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the serial interface comprises a Universal
2 Serial Bus (USB) interface.

1 11. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the data transfer coupling comprises an
2 infrared communication interface.

1 12. A method comprising:
2 copying information from one of at least two or more computing systems to an
3 external buffer included in a switch-box, the switch-box being accessible by the two or
4 more computing systems, the copying occurring as a result of a first substantially
5 predetermined event.

1 13. The method of claim 12, wherein copying information to the external buffer is
2 accomplished by employing a standard cut-and-paste buffer of the one of at least two or
3 more computing systems.

1 14. The method of claim 12, further comprising copying the information in the
2 external buffer to another computing system of the two or more computing systems as a
3 result of a second substantially predetermined event.

1 15. The method of claim 14, wherein the first and second substantially
2 predetermined events comprise substantially predetermined, substantially time-limited
3 respective first and second keystroke sequences.

1 16.   The method of claim 15, wherein the first and second keystroke sequences are
2 keystroke sequences defined by respective operating systems of the one of the more
3 computing systems and the another computing system of the two or more computing
4 systems for accessing standard cut-and-paste buffers employed by those systems.

1 17.   The method of claim 12, wherein the first and second keystroke sequences are
2 substantially dedicated keystroke sequences for copying information to and from the
3 external buffer.

1 18.   A method comprising:
2   determining that a network copy request has been generated;
3   copying information from a first computing system to a network cut-and-paste
4 data-structure as a result of the network copy request; and
5   associating the copied information with a user-id for a current user in the network
6 cut-and-paste buffer data-structure.

1 19.   The method of claim 18, further comprising determining that a network paste
2 request has been generated;
3   searching the cut-and-paste data structure as a result of the network paste
4 request;
5   determining that the copied information associated with the user-id for the current
6 user exists in the cut-and-paste data structure; and
7   as a result, pasting the copied information from the cut-and-paste data-structure
8 to a second computing system.

1 20.   The method of claim 19, wherein determining that the network copy request was
2 generated comprises recognizing a first substantially predetermined, substantially time-
3 limited event.

1 21.   The method of claim 20, wherein determining that the network paste request has
2 been generated comprises recognizing a second substantially predetermined,
3 substantially time-limited event.

1 22. The method of claim 21, wherein the first and second substantially

2 predetermined, substantially time-limited events comprise respective first and second

3 keystroke sequences.

1 23. The method of claim 18, wherein the cut-and-paste data structure comprises an

2 array with at least one array entry, wherein an array entry includes a user-id data-field

3 and an information data-field.

1 24. The method of claim 23, wherein associating the user-id with the copied

2 information comprises copying the information to an information data-field for a specific

3 one array entry and copying the user-id to a corresponding user-id data-field for the

4 specific one array entry.

1 25. The method of claim 18, wherein copying information comprises employing a

2 standard cut-and-paste buffer for an operating system of the first computing system.

1 26. An article comprising: a storage medium having a plurality of machine-readable

2 instructions, wherein when the instructions are executed by a computing system, the

3 instructions provide for determining that a network copy request has been generated;

4 copying information from a first computing system to a network cut-and-paste

5 data-structure as a result of the network copy request; and

6 associating the copied information with a user-id for a current user in the network

7 cut-and-paste buffer data-structure.

1 27. The article of claim 26, further comprising instructions for determining that a

2 network request has been generated;

3 searching the cut-and-paste data structure as a result of the network paste

4 request;

5 determining the copied information associated with the user-id for the current

6 user exists in the cut-and-paste data structure; and

7 as a result, pasting the copied information from the cut-and-paste data-structure

8 to a second computing system.

1   28.   The article of claim 27, wherein determining that the network copy request was
2   generated comprises recognizing a first substantially predetermined, substantially time-
3   limited event and determining that the network paste request was generated comprises
4   recognizing a second substantially predetermined, substantially time-limited event.

1   29.   The article of claim 26, wherein the cut-and-paste data structure comprises an
2   array including a user-id data-field and an information-field.

1   30.   The article of claim 29, wherein associating the user-id with the copied
2   information comprises copying the user-id to a user-id data-field for a specific one array
3   entry and copying the information to a corresponding information data-field for the
4   specific one array entry.